

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE BRIEFING

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-260(C)(6)(a)(v)-(vii), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby provides the following notice of a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing:

Person or Party Requesting the Briefing:	AT&T Inc.; BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.; and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (the "Companies").
Date and Time of the Proposed Briefing:	April 4, 2006 commencing at 3:30 p.m. or upon conclusion of the Commission meeting that day, whichever is later, and ending one hour thereafter.
Commissioners and Commission Employees Requested to Attend Briefing:	Chairman Randy Mitchell, Vice Chairman G. O'Neal Hamilton, Commissioners John E. "Butch" Howard, David A. Wright, Elizabeth B. "Lib" Fleming, Mignon L. Clyburn and Charles "Bob" Moseley, Chief Clerk/ Administrator Charles L.A. Terreni and the following Commission Staff Members: General Counsel Joseph M. Melchers, Senior Counsel F. David Butler, Deputy Clerk Jocelyn G. Boyd, Executive Assistant Dr. James Spearman, Senior Audit Advisor Tom Ellison, and Doug Pratt, Telecommunications Advisor.
Subject Matter to Be Discussed at Briefing:	An overview of the agreed upon merger between AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation, the benefits to be realized by the operating entities in South Carolina from the proposed merger, and information supporting the fact that the operating entities and their customers will not be adversely affected by the proposed merger.
Commission Docket No.:	Not applicable.